

Michigan Natural Resources
Trust Fund
Annual Report
2014



Message from DNR Director, *Keith Creagh*



For more than 38 years, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has made it possible for Michigan citizens to enjoy better, broader public access to our state's world-class natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities. Through this fund, thoughtful investment is made both in projects for active recreation - such as parks, boat launches, trails and athletic fields - as well as in the protection and conservation of natural resources vital to a memorable outdoor experience.

These efforts bring real benefits to local communities, including a richer quality of life, economic stimulus and the health advantages of a more active lifestyle. In partnership with local units of government, Trust Fund dollars help to leverage local funding for efficient use of public money in creating opportunities for public outdoor recreation and in preserving Pure Michigan natural assets. No matter where you go in the great state of Michigan, you're within a short distance of a quality outdoor recreation opportunity or attraction that exists today because of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund support.

Message from MNRTF Chair, *Sam Cummings*



Michigan's unique natural resources make our state an international leader in public outdoor recreation and a destination with attractions that few competitors can match. As our public lands are such massive contributors to the state's overall tourism income through hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, hiking and riding for our residents and visitors alike, it is fitting that we should continuously look for ways to expand our programs and our products. This year's list of projects represent just that, a continuation of this extraordinary program that ensures that the lands and lakes that belong to the people of this great state are available for generations to come, not only to enjoy for ourselves, but to share with our neighbors near and far. Our boundless waters and beautiful

lands define this state and are unique to us in the world. It is our duty and privilege, through conservation and thoughtful development, to continue to enhance the impact of public outdoor recreation for today and for the future.

MNRTF Board

The MNRTF Board of Trustees, created by Public Act 451 of 1994, is composed of five members including the Director of the DNR or a member of the Natural Resources Commission and four residents of the state appointed by the Governor.

The citizen members serving in 2014 were Erin McDonough of Williamston, Keith Charters of Traverse City, Brad Canale of Ann Arbor and Samuel Cummings of Grand Rapids. The Department of Natural Resources was represented by Director Keith Creagh.

Board priorities for 2014 include: trail acquisition and development including water trails, winter deeryards, wildlife corridors and urban area projects.

Board and Staff Achievements/Actions

- Partnered with outside agencies, philanthropists and nonprofits to leverage Trust Fund dollars for project support, with Gov. Snyder's "Iron Belle Trail" from Belle Isle to Ironwood serving as the initial model
- Focused on regional collaboration to fill gaps in access to public outdoor recreation
- Implemented a new online grant application and management system, making the entire grant process (from application through project completion) easier from start to finish
- Initiated a stakeholder review of the Trust Fund program



History of the MNRTF

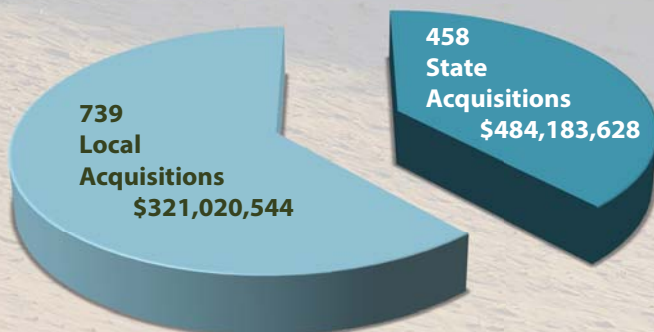
The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) was established under the Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund Act of 1976 to provide a permanent funding source for the public acquisition of land for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. Funding was provided by revenue derived from royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned oil, gas and mineral rights. In 1984 the MNRTF was expanded to allow for the funding of acquisition and development of public land. Per the state constitution, the maximum amount of the accumulation of the non-renewable mineral royalties in the MNRTF is \$500 million. This level was reached in 2011 and represents the permanent investment corpus. Today, the MNRTF functions as a permanent endowment/foundation without an influx of new revenue and is entirely dependent on investment income to fund grants and for asset growth.

To date, the MNRTF has awarded over \$1 billion in grants to local units of government and state agencies for projects throughout all eighty-three counties. Of this total, \$190 million has been invested in trails. In excess of one thousand public parks have been acquired and/or developed. Other projects funded include ball fields, tennis courts, trailheads, restrooms and other amenities, for a total of approximately 2,100 MNRTF-assisted projects since 1976.

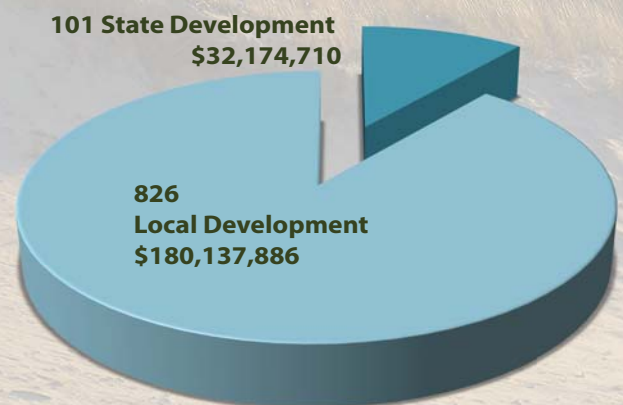
10-Year Grant History

Application	Grant Awards (dollars)			Number of Grants		
	Acquisition	Development	Total	Acquisition	Development	Total
2004	\$26,043,300.00	\$6,140,700.00	\$32,184,000.00	15	26	41
2005	\$29,514,000.00	\$7,825,500.00	\$37,339,500.00	22	30	52
2006	\$27,846,600.00	\$8,301,500.00	\$36,148,100.00	34	27	61
2007	\$25,278,700.00	\$9,263,600.00	\$34,542,300.00	31	34	65
2008	\$35,632,200.00	\$12,902,500.00	\$48,534,700.00	37	44	81
2009	\$25,918,200.00	\$9,740,000.00	\$35,658,200.00	25	42	67
2010	\$81,155,800.00	\$20,942,600.00	\$102,098,400.00	46	71	117
2011	\$21,711,000.00	\$16,054,400.00	\$37,765,400.00	22	77	99
2012	\$14,276,500.00	\$9,072,200.00	\$23,348,700.00	22	54	76
2013	\$19,033,200.00	\$8,644,600.00	\$27,677,800.00	32	44	76
Total	\$306,409,500.00	\$108,887,600.00	\$415,297,100.00	286	449	735

Local and State Acquisition and Development Projects 1976 - 2013



Total Number of Acquisitions – 1,197 for \$805,204,172



Total number of Developments – 927 for \$212,312,596

2014 MNRTF Board Recommendations - Development Projects

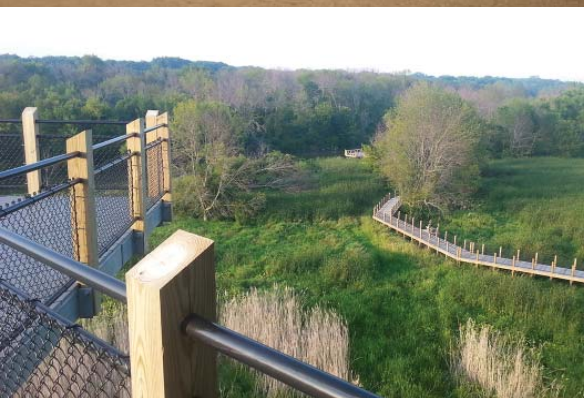
County	Grantee	Project	Amount
Baraga	Arvon Township	Waterfront Park Improvements	\$45,000
Bay	Frankenlust Township	Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Development	\$280,000
Benzie	Long Lake Township	Cedar Run Creek Parking	\$46,900
Berrien	Berrien County	Rocky Gap Improvements	\$300,000
Cheboygan	Village of Wolverine	Renovation and Improvements to Lumberman Park and Trailhead	\$289,500
Clinton	City of St Johns	City Park Improvements	\$50,000
Crawford	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Ralph A. MacMullan Center 2-Lodge Accessibility and Modernization	\$300,000
Emmet	Emmet County	Camp Petosega Water Access and Dock	\$49,000
Gogebic	Gogebic County	Ironwood to Bessemer Trail Project	\$295,000
Gogebic	City of Ironwood	Curry Park Improvements	\$37,500
Gogebic	City of Ironwood	Depot Park Playground	\$37,500
Grand Traverse	East Bay Township	Grace Macdonald Park Accessibility Enhancements	\$50,000
Iron	City of Gaastra	Recreational Complex Viewing and Parking Improvements	\$37,000
Jackson	City of Jackson	Riverwalk to Inter-City Trail Development	\$300,000
Kalamazoo	City of Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo River Valley Trail Portage Creek Trail	\$300,000
Kalamazoo	Oshtemo Township	Grange Hall Playground Improvements	\$30,000
Macomb	Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority	Stony Creek Boat Launch Redevelopment	\$50,000
Manistee	Onekama Township	Development of Langland Park on Lake Michigan	\$261,000
Manistee	Arcadia Township	Arcadia Lake Michigan Beach Development	\$298,700
Marquette	Chocolay Township	Lion's Field Trailhead Development and Park Improvements	\$50,000
Marquette	City of Ishpeming	Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail	\$91,400
Marquette	Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority	Interpretive Signage	\$22,000
Marquette	Marquette Charter Township	Marquette Township's First Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead Development	\$36,600
Marquette	DNR - Wildlife Division	Upper Peninsula Grouse Enhanced Management Sites Trail Initiative	\$40,000
Mecosta	Wheatland Township	Wheatland Township Pavilion	\$50,000
Oakland	City of Southfield	Inglenook Park Renovation Project	\$280,000
Oakland	Oakland County	Universally Accessible Fishing Pier at Groveland Oaks Park	\$36,300
Ontonagon	Ontonagon County	Improvements to Ontonagon County Park	\$210,400
Ontonagon	Village of Ontonagon	Rose Island Paddle Craft Landing	\$46,300
Osceola	Village of Tustin	Little Creek Park Gazebo Project	\$28,300
Ottawa	City of Holland	Windmill Island Gardens Bridge and Regional Trail Connections	\$300,000
Ottawa	Holland Charter Township	Quincy Picnic Shelter Improvements	\$50,000
Roscommon	Roscommon Township	Lakeview Park - Universally Accessible Beach Park and Family-Style Restrooms	\$182,500
Roscommon	Lyon Township	Park 27 Renovation	\$40,000
Saginaw	Bridgeport Charter Township	Cass River Water Trail - Davis Park	\$121,100
Saginaw	Village of Chesaning	Showboat Park - Shiawassee Riverbank Improvements	\$50,000
Saginaw	DNR - Wildlife Division	Shiawassee River State Game Area Bridge Development Initiative	\$300,000
St. Clair	City of Port Huron	Lakeside Park Universal Redevelopment	\$295,000
Tuscola	City of Vassar	Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development	\$42,600
Van Buren	South Haven Area Recreation Authority	Pilgrim Haven Development Project	\$50,000
Wayne	City of Detroit	Coleman Young Playground Improvements	\$300,000
Wayne	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Belle Isle Natural Resource Improvements	\$300,000
Wayne	Wayne County	Ellsworth Boardwalk and Trailhead Parking	\$200,000
Wayne	City of Detroit	Dorais Playfield Improvements	\$300,000

Total 2014 Development Recommendations \$6,479,600

2014 MNRTF Board Recommendations - Acquisition Projects

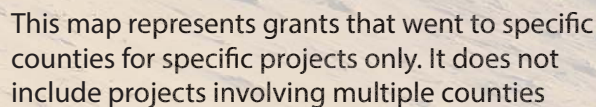
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Arenac	DNR - Wildlife Division	Wigwam Bay State Wildlife Area Acquisition	\$440,000
Barry	DNR - Wildlife Division	Barry State Game Area Land Acquisition Initiative	\$1,100,000
Barry	Village of Middleville	Middleville Riverfront Property Acquisition	\$135,600
Cass	DNR - Fisheries Division	Dowagiac Creek Access and Corridor Acquisition	\$749,900
Chippewa	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Lake Superior Dune Swale Complex	\$530,000
Eaton	City of Grand Ledge	JC Park Boat Launch/Rounds Land Acquisition	\$150,000
Eaton	Delta Township	Mt. Hope Property Acquisition	\$281,000
Genesee	Montrose Township	Montrose Township Property Acquisition	\$103,400
Houghton	City of Houghton	Central Houghton Greenspace Nature Area	\$80,500
Houghton	Calumet Charter Township	Railroad Depot Acquisition	\$80,000
Kent	Kent County	Two Rivers Park Addition	\$810,000
Keweenaw	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Fort Wilkins State Historic Park Trailtown Access	\$750,000
Monroe	City of Monroe	Urban Recreation Connections to the River Raisin Corridor	\$4,986,200
Oakland	City of Southfield	Horsetail Woods Acquisition Project	\$99,800
Oakland	City of Novi	Novi Northwest Neighborhood Park	\$385,000
Oakland	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Oakland County Adventure Park Partnership	\$2,900,000
Oakland	Highland Township	Hickory Ridge Pines Park Expansion	\$127,800
Otsego	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Pigeon River Country - Upper Black River Property	\$150,000
Ottawa	Grand Haven Charter Township	Hofma Park and Preserve Land Acquisition Project	\$276,500
St. Clair	St. Clair County	Bouvier Bay Waterfront Acquisition	\$666,000
St. Clair	St. Clair County	Blue Water River Walk Expansion Phase 2 Acquisition	\$118,400
St. Joseph	St. Joseph County	Stewart Lake Conservation Acquisition	\$504,800
Van Buren	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Paw Paw to Hartford Multi-Use Trail Partnership	\$750,000
Washtenaw	Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority	Hudson Mills Metropark Property Acquisition	\$75,000
Wayne	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division	Showcase Trail Critical Gaps	\$2,000,000

Total 2014 Acquisition Recommendations \$18,249,900



The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund was created to provide long term outdoor recreation benefits for the people of Michigan for both current and future generations. The positive effects of the Trust Fund help Michigan's economy through:

- # Number of Grants per County 1976-2013

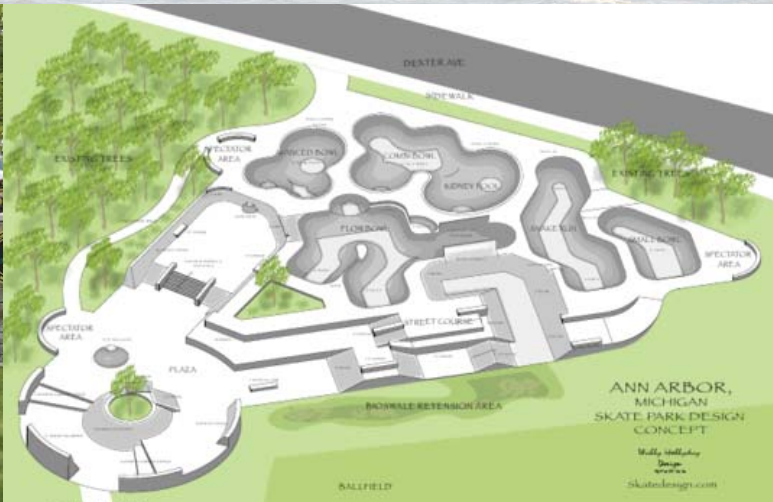


Understanding How the Trust Fund Works

In May of 2011, the corpus of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund reached \$500 million. In accordance with the Michigan Constitution, the funding formula of the MNRTF changed significantly. New revenue from state-owned oil, gas and other mineral production stopped being deposited into the MNRTF and started to be deposited in the State Park Endowment Fund. Funds available for grants from the MNRTF as well as Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and administrative costs now come from interest and earnings on these invested funds.

In response to the loss of the oil, gas and other mineral revenue to the MNRTF, the MNRTF Board has instituted a thoughtful investment strategy aimed at ensuring that grants will continue to be available for current and future generations, while adequate fund reserves are present to withstand variations in the market and to allow for growth in the fund. This strategy will maintain a vital and growing MNRTF for years to come.

Corpus:	\$500 million	Interest earnings and income:	\$40.7 million
Stabilization Reserve:	\$57 million	Development project awards:	\$6.5 million
Growth Reserve:	\$38 million	Acquisition project awards:	\$18.2 million
Total:	\$595 million	Property taxes paid on State land purchased:	\$1.6 million
		Operating expenditures:	\$1.7 million





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